

Dan Quayle Makes A Point

by Melinda James

Could it be Dan Quayle is right in stating that it takes more than one person to take care of a child?

Nell, of the Murphy Brown Show, proves him right in a sense. The Murphy Brown Show, aired on September 28, 1992, shows how Murphy Brown thinks she is ready to leave her baby with a nanny and venture back to the workplace.

It is known that when a mother carries a baby for nine months, it is very hard to part with the child. Well, in Murphy's case, she has no choice—she has to return to work because after a time her job will stop paying her maternity leave. It seems in the show that Murphy thinks the nanny is not good enough. But in spite of what she thinks of the nanny, she ends up taking the nanny and the baby to work with her, because she feels she needs to be close to her baby.

As she is the FYJ newscaster, Murphy Brown's opinion is very much needed, but because she knows the baby is there, she feels the need to keep checking up on the baby, which frustrates her co-workers. She ends up firing the nanny because Murphy feels she's doing all the work, when it's just that she is not giving the nanny a chance to do her work.

During the day her co-workers need her, but so does her baby.

Whom do you think Murphy is going to pick?

Will she find a suitable nanny?

Is Dan Quayle right?

Being a single parent is not easy. There are food, clothes, rent, school bills and more to think about when it's you alone, and I'm sure if you were a single parent, you would want the best for your child. I'm sure you'd want a good high school and college for your child.

So, a word to the wise:

THINK BEFORE YOU ACT.

Behind Every Successful Man

by Ray Layden

With election day right around the corner, people are trying to figure out whom to vote for. In this election year, more and more people are looking at where the candidates stand on the issues.

Although this is the best and most effective way to choose a president, some vote for other reasons. Some people tend to choose their president for very different and obscure reasons. For instance, some people choose on the basis of which candidate's wife would make a better First Lady. If this is how you would vote, you're stuck between a rock and a hard place. If Clinton wins, you won't know who will give the inaugural speech, Bill Clinton or Sara Lee's runner up, Hillary Clinton.

However, if Bush wins, you can't be sure if Barbara Bush will be at his side during his inaugural speech or if it will be the guy on the Quaker oatmeal box in a blue dress.

Other people might want to choose on the basis of the candidate's family. Again you are stuck between a rock and a hard place. If Clinton wins, I'd personally much rather see Millie Bush holding hands with Bill and Hillary instead of their daughter, Chelsea. However, if Bush wins, who would really want to see a sequel volume to Millie's autobiography.

I am not trying to tell you whom to vote for; you have to figure that out for yourself. What I am saying is, don't vote for a First Lady, a First Family or whoever looks better in a suit. Just look at where the candidates stand on all of the issues and hope to God Perot gets back into the race and wins.

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IT'S CLINTON AND GORE BY A LANDSLIDE!

by Vincent Lijoi

On October 5, 1992, **Highpoint** invited all students and faculty members to participate in a poll to ascertain who would be elected president of the United States if we had our way. The results of that poll are as follows:

Out of the 896 students who responded, there were 429 votes for Gov. Bill Clinton and his running-mate, Al Gore; 176 votes for President George Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle; 105 votes for Ross Perot; and 186 students were undecided.

Of the 46 faculty members who responded, 21 voted for the Clinton ticket; 17 voted for the Bush team; 2 for Ross Perot; 6 were undecided.

As Bishop Ford High School goes, so goes the nation!

Seven Freshmen Awarded Scholarships



Each year Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School offers seven scholarships to incoming Freshmen. Three of these are based on the results of the Cooperative Examination, which is administered as an entrance exam by the Diocese of Brooklyn. Four others are awarded to the winners of competitions in Social Studies, Math, Science and Art. Pictured are: (seated) Jessica Tully—Social Studies scholar who graduated from Immaculate Heart of Mary Elementary School, Cara Mack-soud—Math scholar, a graduate of the Genesis Program, Mellissa Egan—Science scholar from St. Saviour's. (Standing) Fabio Talierno of St. Finbar's, Ben Velez also from St. Saviour's, Mr. Luke Nawrocki—principal of Bishop Ford, and Jason Roberts who graduated from Holy Name of Jesus. Not pictured is Enoy Valle, a student currently attending All Saints School who will be a Freshman at Bishop Ford in September of 1993. As a seventh grader he won first prize in the Art Festival competition.

VOTE!

A TIMELY REMINDER
TO FACULTY MEMBERS
AND EIGHTEEN-YEAR-
OLD SENIORS:
ELECTION DAY IS
TUESDAY, NOV. 3.
DON'T FAIL TO VOTE!

IT WILL BE
TURKEY TIME
BEFORE YOU
KNOW IT!

CONGRATULATIONS
TO
BISHOP FORD'S GIRL'S
AND
BOY'S TRACK TEAMS.
THE GIRLS CAME
IN FIRST
AND THE BOYS SECOND
IN THE
BROOKLYN-QUEENS
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Student Focus: Shermaine Crockwell

by Christine Vega

When Shermanie Crockwell came to Bishop Ford, she didn't expect to have such a full schedule ahead of her.

What sport do you play?

Softball.

What position?

Centerfield/right.

If not at school, where do you practice?

Mostly Prospect.

How did you get interested in baseball?

In the sixth grade at my old school, Cunningham. I enjoyed it.

Did anyone inspire you?

Mr. Nolan. He was my coach at Holy Name. He encouraged me to join the softball team in high school.

Does it take up a lot of your time?

Not really. I've learned to keep my grades up and balance out my time by using it wisely.

How does the team get along?

Very well. Everyone helps one another with their weaknesses.

How do you see this season coming up?

It depends on the organization and teamwork. It also depends on Jennifer Polansky, Amy Cottingham, and Kelly, for they really make up the team.

What other interests do you have?

I used to run cross-country freshman and sophomore year on track. I was also in cheerleading. But mostly my interests are parties and my friends.

Any suggestions for people who might want to join softball?

Be prepared for hard work. Despite what differences you might have, once you're on the field, that's it; you're a team and that's it.

Anything else you'd like to say?

I'd like to shout out to Mychie, Baudlow, Caribbean Alliance, and 4-DP.

Thank you.

Michelle Barthelemy and Shameka Lawrence Head Student Council



Ford's student council's fearless leaders.

Movie Reviews:

Single White Female A League Of Their Own Sarafina

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE
"Single White Female" is a dramatic thriller about a manipulative roommate from hell. Bridget Fonda stars as the successful business woman who advertises for a roommate, and selects the sweet, innocent-looking Jennifer Jason Leigh. Leigh depicts a disturbing urge to become Fonda. Suspenseful and shocking.

A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN
by Shariyfah Ahmed
This funny, heartwarming film stars Genna Davis, Madonna, Tom Hanks and Rosie O'Neil. This movie is about an all-girl baseball team in the mid-1940s. Tom Hanks is the team's coach. Through the good and bad times of the baseball season, the girls become closer as a team and as friends. Funny and interesting.

SARAFINA
by Nicole Crooks
The film deals with a girl by the name of Sarafina growing up in a township called Soweto. Sarafina, who had dreams of becoming a star, looks up to Nelson Mandela as her role model.
The movie also stars Grammy award winner Whoopi Goldberg as a teacher who taught history as a way of knowing the truth. Certain scenes brought tears to my eyes. The movie showed that African children are strong and must be as one.
I feel this movie is about hope. It tells you that Apartheid will be demolished one day. The movie is for all ages because it has a moral we must all follow in life. It also shows that in unity there is strength. I give it four stars.

Welcome To The Monkey House

by Kathleen Duncan
Mr. Chiusano's junior creative writing class is reading **Welcome to the Monkey House** by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. It is a book containing many short stories, some fictional and very creative, others confusing.
Patrick Byrne, who is one of the many students reviewing the book, said, "Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. displays the sadistic side of everyday life and a dark side of a twisted but possible future."
This book, as many others, stirs likes and dislikes. Some readers find the story boring and wouldn't recommend it as part of fun reading material.
The stories must be read carefully in order to understand their morals. Other than that, the book is enjoyable; not all of the passages are dreary.

Book Review: Native Son

by Elsa Hibbert
Native Son, related to **Black Boy**, one of the many great works of Richard Wright, shows us the fears and misgivings black people had toward white people in the deep South during the early 1900s.
The main character, Bigger Thomas, whom I found most enlightening, is portrayed as a strong black man whose overwhelming pride often got him into a great deal of trouble. Bigger Thomas' main goal in this book is to turn his life around, which was tarnished by the slums and ghettos in which he was raised.
This book is written in a serious style that kept my attention riveted to the pages. I strongly recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a mind-triggering experience.

T.V. Review: Mr. Cooper

by Vincent Lijoi
On Tuesday, September 22, **Hangin' with Mr. Cooper** had its debut on Channel 7. The show is about Mark Cooper, played by Mark Curry, who shares a dream house with two female roommates in order to pay the rent.
In the opener, Mark gets his first substitute-teaching job and ends up in a sticky situation: glued to his chair by a student. In the end, the problem is resolved and the student apologizes for what happened. The show takes place in a replica of the set of **Growing Pains** and co-stars Dawn Lewis of **A Different World** and Holly Robinson of **21 Jump Street**. The show's time slot is from 8:30 to 9:00 p.m. every Tuesday night.

Cheerleading Team Up In The Air

by Kathleen Duncan
Will there be a cheerleading team this year or not? Mrs. Geroulakis decided not to participate as the coach of the team. It has occupied much of her time, which she cannot spare this year.
Last year's JV captain, Louise Banks, said, "There should still be a cheerleading squad this year because many of the ex-cheerleaders use this as their way of showing school spirit. I think Mrs. G should still be the coach."
Some other responses from members of last year's cheerleading squad follow.
Chaunda Fabio, cheerleader for the varsity, remarked, "I think it's pitiful that we spent all our money for uniforms and we're left up in the air without an explanation. It's unfair to us, unfair to the

school and to the basketball team." When asked whom would she rather see as the coach, she responded, "I would like Miss Lynch to be the coach because she could help us with our stretching and athletics in general. But she told me she can't."
JV cheerleader, Akilah Taylor, said, "I think the cheerleading team is nice when everybody gets together and works as a team. The best part is during the half-time doing the dance. When also questioned as to whom would she rather see as coach, she answered, "I would rather Mrs. G. were the coach, because she is nice and considerate."
To make matters better, word has it that Mr. Nash is in the process of finding a new coordinator for cheerleading. Good Luck!

Book Reviews:

Rainbow Jordan Imitation Of Life

by Zuleema Stephens
This book is about a young girl who never wanted to be what she was until it was too late.
The novel gave me an understanding of life, because Sarah Jane was black but kept it away from the outside world.
I'm proud of who and what I am. After reading this book, I realize what I have, and I appreciate all my parents have done for me. God made us the way he wanted us to be, and all we can do is take life one day at a time. Life is precious, and I've been taking it for granted, and if I could change what I did in the past, I would, before it's too late.

by Nicole Crooks
I found this story very compelling. The story is about a young girl who has to deal with life with a different perspective than kids her own age. She grew up with a mother who never had quality time to spend with her. There would be days or even months in which she had to be put in a foster home. She learned the ups and downs of life, but she also learned how to make important decisions in life.
I think young, avid readers should take it upon themselves to read this book. I give it two and a half stars.

Ford Celebrates Opening Liturgy



Members of the student body receive holy communion from the hands of Sr. Mary Templeton.

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